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GSG Meeting 02/20/2019

Meeting called to order at: 12:04 PM

Approval of minutes from 02/06/2019: Majority apparent, APPROVED

Speaker:

Amanda Bertana, amanda.bertana@maine.edu, Scholars Strategy Network. Amanda spoke to Senate about what resources SSN can give to researchers at UMaine. Their main objective is to reword scientific research so it is easy for a general audience to understand. Their main audience is legislature and government officials.

Link: <https://scholars.org/chapter/maine> .

President:

There will be a R & D Town Hall with President Ferrini-Mundy on February 25th from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Wells Conference Center. The GSG recommends graduate students attend.

Spring elections for the Executive Committee will be held April 3rd. If anyone is interested in holding a position, they should contact the president, umainegsgpresident@gmail.com .

Vice President:

Symposium committee meeting will be Thursday, February 21st at 4PM in the Pub in the Union.

Abstracts for the Student Symposium must be submitted before March 15th by 4:30PM. Get abstracts submitted early to guarantee a poster. Once all poster space is taken, presenters will be given talks.

Grants Officer:

N/A

Treasurer:

N/A

Board of Trustees Representative:

N/A

Outreach and Professional Development officer:

Plans for upcoming social events:

Beers, Burgers, and Board Games at OBC during spring break. More information to come.

A graduate reception for volunteers/presenters after the Student Symposium.

There is a plan to move forward with the GSG calendar being available to all graduate students. All senators now have access and if they have any concerns they should bring them to the OPD officer.

Secretary:

There will be an awards committee meeting today at 2PM in 57 Stodder Hall.

Below is a list of upcoming awards, their due dates, and links to their webpages:

Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards:

The GSG is accepting nominations for the Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards. The awards are given each year to outstanding mentors of graduate students in each of the University of Maine's five colleges: Maine Business School; College of Education and Human Development; College of Engineering; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; and College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture. We have extended the nomination due date to **Friday, March 1, 2019 by 5 PM**. For more information regarding eligibility and the nomination process, please visit [here](#).

Link: <https://umaine.edu/gsg/graduate-faculty-mentor-awards/>

Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award:

The Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award will be awarded to one graduate student and one non-student member of the UMaine community. The awardees should go above and beyond to help graduate student experience here at the University of Maine. Award nominations are due by **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 by 5 PM**. Visit [here](#) for more information regarding the nomination form and eligibility of the award.

Link: <https://umaine.edu/gsg/dan-sandweiss-advocacy-award/>

2019 GSG Student Symposium Awards:

Each year, four awards are presented to graduate students at the Student Symposium. These awards are as follows:

- Dr. Susan J. Hunter Presidential Research Impact Award
- Dean of the Graduate School Undergraduate Mentoring Award
- UMaine Alumni Association Award
- Provost's Innovative and Creative Teaching Award

The awardees of each award are required to be a graduate presenter at the Student Symposium. Award nominations are due by **Friday, March 29, 2019 by 5 PM**. For more information on each award and the nomination process please visit [here](#).

Link: <https://umaine.edu/gsg/graduate-symposium/>

Flyers for each award is attached to the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Update on unionization discussions - Lacey Darling

If graduate students are interested in pursuing the discussion of unionization, they should contact Lacey Darling at lacey.r.cargnino@maine.edu.

There will be a healthcare meeting next Wednesday, February 27th at 12PM in 48 Stodder Hall. The Healthcare committee is asking senators and constituents to pass along their questions, comments, or suggestions for our healthcare plan so we can choose the appropriate option by the end of the semester. Please pass along any information to your senator.

Senator Updates & General Announcements:

UMaine Annual Etiquette Dinner will be Wednesday, March 6th in Wells Conference Center from 6PM to 8PM. All information can be found in the add to the right or online.

Etiquette Dinner

Business Attire Required

LIMITED SEATING
Pre-register before **February 28**
Using the QR code or go to
https://umaine.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8kUDU3R3kwpspKd

Wednesday, March 6
Wells Conference Center
6pm to 8pm

Four-Course Meal •
Peer-to-Peer Training •
Sharpen Business Skills •

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International Students Association gets together every Friday from 4-5 PM to enjoy international foods and social time.

2019 Engineer's Week Expo:

Our Expo will be from 9:00-2:00 Saturday, March 2, 2019 in the Field House at USM's Costello Sports Center. Snacks will be available, with souvenir tee shirts. Campus tours will be available. The following link has more information about the event.

Link: <http://www.engineeringme.com/>

Adjournment: 12:52 PM, apparent majority



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2019 Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award

The Graduate Student Government recognizes one University of Maine graduate student and one non-student member of the UMaine community for going above and beyond to create personal and professional development opportunities for graduate students, offering time and assistance to meeting individual graduate student needs as well as the needs of the collective student body, and puts student success while at UMaine as a top priority. The Dan Sandweiss Graduate Student Advocacy Award is an opportunity to recognize two individuals who make the graduate experience whole.

*One University of Maine
graduate student*

*One non-student member
of the UMaine community*

Nominations include a one page letter of support and a complete nomination form. The nomination criteria and submission information can be found on the GSG website.

Submissions due Wednesday, March 20, 2019 by 5PM



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2019 Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards

The Graduate Student Government recognizes one graduate faculty from each of the graduate colleges for going above and beyond academic and research advising at the University of Maine. This is an opportunity to recognize those individuals who make the graduate experience whole. Any faculty member who has assisted you while you have been at the University of Maine is eligible for a Mentor Award.

UMaine Business School
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UMaine Alumni Association Award

*Dean of the Graduate School
Undergraduate Mentoring Award*

*Provost's Innovative and
Creative Teaching Award*

The Graduate Student Government is now accepting applications for four prestigious awards that will be announced at the UMaine Student Symposium held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor, ME.

Descriptions of the awards and links to the submission forms can be found on the GSG website.

An eligible applicant for any award must be a graduate student presenter at the UMaine Student Symposium.

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